

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
March 1, 2006

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Vice Mayor Mary Nedrow, Pete Hunt, Mark Baca and Scott Cray.

Absent:

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Tim Shaffery and Eduardo Coronado Town Attorneys, Larisa Bogardus, James Hamblin, Steve West.

Public: Phelps Wilkins, Judy Cooley, Susan Sandahl, Kerry Nedrow and Judy Hayes.

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
2. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Baca, Invocation by Mayor Dyson.
3. Public Participation: Judy Cooley, liaison for Congressman Rick Renzi, reported that she is planning a Medicare Part D outreach at the senior center May 5. She wants to make sure seniors know their eligibility and any potential penalties.
Vice Mayor Nedrow said she will be traveling to Washington, DC, soon and is looking forward to meeting with the Congressman there. Mrs. Cooley said she would be happy to arrange some tours.
4. Manager, Council and Chamber reports:

Councilman Cray said he'd attended a utilities board meeting, which featured reports on the water and sewer departments. A Water Infrastructure Finance Authority grant for engineering to evaluate the sewer treatment plant's energy efficiency is nearly completed.

Mayor Dyson said she attended an anti-meth coalition meeting. The next meeting will be held March 13 at 3 p.m. at the Little Colorado Behavioral Health offices in St. Johns. She asked staff to look into an ordinance legislating over the counter sales of pseudoephedrine as other cities have adopted. She and the manager, police chief and a firefighter attended a fire management safety meeting at Hon-Dah. The weather service indicated it is unlikely we will get much precipitation this year. 593 is the official emergency and health information number. CellularOne has added *593, but the system cannot be accessed by other cellular phone services at this time. Fire restrictions and forest closures will be instituted as necessary. Fire towers are already manned. The mayor also attended White Mountain Regional Medical Center's annual meeting. The hospital is doing well, it has emerged from bankruptcy and is operating in the black with 109 ftes and 29 providers, 11 of whom make their home here. A free Healthy Families symposium is planned in April and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Mr. Garms welcomed attorneys Tim Shaffery and Eduardo Coronado, who will be representing the Town now that Sterling Solomon has started his own practice. The Governor's Conference on Rural Development is scheduled Aug. 16-18. Val has reserved a block of rooms and council members wishing to attend should let her know. The Town was notified that SHPO staff are recommending full funding of the \$100,000 grant to match the \$100,000 Congressional appropriation for the continuing rehabilitation of the old school.

Mayor Dyson asked if there was a chamber report. Mr. Garms said the application deadline was Tuesday and there are approximately 12 applications.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on Feb. 15, 2006, at 6 p.m.

Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2006.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Pete Hunt Mark Baca Scott Cray |
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6. Discussion, second reading and action regarding ordinance #2006-003 amending Chapter 17.28 "General Provisions" of the Springerville Municipal Code.
Mayor Dyson reminded the council that this regulates the use of travel trailers and recreational vehicles.
Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to adopt Ord. 2006-003.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Pete Hunt Mark Baca Scott Cray |
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7. Discussion, second reading and action regarding #2006-004 amending Chapter 13.16 "Sewer System Use Regulations" of the Springerville Municipal Code.
Mayor Dyson summarized that this mandated sewer hookups for new construction and changes in ownership. Kerry Nedrow asked about the costs to property owners to extend lines beyond their property boundaries. Ms. Bogardus said the Town has some discretion. Mr. Garms said fees will be set separately. Mr. Wilkins asked if the ADEQ cap of double the cost of a septic system applies. It does, Ms. Bogardus said.
Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow motion to adopt Ord. 2006-004.

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8. Discussion and action regarding resolution #2006-R003 approving an application for local, regional and state parks heritage funds for improvements to Pioneer Park.

Mr. Garms explained that the corporate donations and council allocation for playground equipment are being used to leverage funds for restrooms at the park.

Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca motion to table Resolution 2006-R003.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Pete Hunt Mark Baca Scott Cray |
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9. Discussion and presentation by Susan Sandahl, Apache County Health Department, regarding preparedness for a flu pandemic.
Mrs. Sandahl explained that the Apache County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness office recently participated in a statewide conference regarding preparations for a flu

pandemic. She is now trying to educate the public. Pandemics occur naturally throughout history. The most severe was the 1918 flu pandemic that killed more people than World War I. Mrs. Sandahl distributed some historical literature chronicling that flu's impacts in Apache County. Today, there is more chance of a pandemic spreading, but also more medical understanding of disease, which can mutate. That is why there is so much concern about bird flu. Right now it is only in birds, but a mutation could affect humans. During any flu outbreak or other pandemic, people should keep informed and prevent the spread of germs through handwashing and staying home while sick.

Chief West asked if there were plans in place for mass inoculations. Yes, she replied, but a vaccine can't be developed until the strain is identified. Arizona Department of Health Services is supposed to fund supplies.

10. Discussion and action regarding the Mayor's attendance at the Arizona Town Hall in April.

Mayor Dyson explained she has been invited to participate in the upcoming Town Hall, which will address Growth and Development in Arizona, particularly natural resources and infrastructure. She estimates it will cost \$850 to register and pay for room and board. Mr. Hamblin said the council has about \$1250 left in its travel/training budget. Mr. Garms said there are no other conferences coming up.

Mary Nedrow/Scott Cray motion to authorize the mayor's attendance at the Town Hall.

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11. Discussion and action regarding the request to purchase a patrol car from the contingency budget.

Chief West said the department tries to rotate out a vehicle each year but is now two years behind because of an officer's accident that totaled one. This would be a used cruiser purchased from the Salt Lake County fleet sale. Councilman Cray asked if it would be a V-10 F-250. Chief West said no, it will probably be a Crown Victoria or Explorer.

Mark Baca/Mary Nedrow motion to authorize up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a patrol vehicle.

Mr. Cray asked if there were sufficient funds available. Mr. Garms said yes, staff always makes that determination before bringing a request to council.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
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12. Discussion and action regarding a lease extension for the facility occupied by NPC and owned by the Towns of Springerville and Eagar.

Mr. Garms said the last lease expired in 2001 and was not renewed. No payments have been made since then, but NPC has invested a lot in improvements to the property, which the towns have agreed to accept in lieu of payment. The renewal includes a payment structure. The towns will share \$15,000 per year. Vice Mayor Nedrow asked how the lease had been overlooked for 5 years. Chief West noted there have been several changes in administration during that time. Mr. Garms said he didn't know, but the current administration caught it.

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to approve the lease agreement.

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13. Adjournment:

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Mark Baca Scott Cray |
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Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday March 1, 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2006

Larisa Bogardus